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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ken-ichi Arai et al.
Title: NF-AT DERIVED POLYPEPTIDES
THAT BIND CALCINEURIN AND
USES THEREOF
Appl. No.: 09/550,115
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Examiner: Hope Robinson
Art Unit: 1646

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated June 29, 2001, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please delete paragraph 2 on page 8 in its entirety and replace with the following paragraph.

a1 Fig. 10 shows the alignment of amino acid sequences in N-terminal domains of NF-ATx polypeptide family. mNFATx; mouse NFATx (SEQ ID NO: 5) [Ac. No. BAA12833 (D85612)], hNFATx (SEQ ID NO: 6); human NFATx [Ac. No. AAC27434 (AC004531), AAB46597 (U85430), AAB46596 (U85429), AAB46595 (U85428), AAA86308 (U14150)], NFATc3 (SEQ ID NO. 7); human and mouse NFATc3 [pir: locus